

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 61, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 62-64, and add claims 65-70 as follows:

1. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
  - a zonal isolation assembly comprising:
    - one or more solid tubular members, each solid tubular member including one or more external seals; and
    - one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the solid tubular members; and
  - a shoe coupled to the zonal isolation assembly;
  - wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing member coupled to the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a tubular elastic sealing member.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein one or more of the external seals comprise a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the zonal isolation assembly further comprises:
  - one or more intermediate solid tubular members coupled to and interleaved among the perforated tubular members, each intermediate solid tubular member including one or more external seals.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the zonal isolation assembly further comprises one or more valve members for controlling the flow of fluidic materials between the tubular members.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein one or more of the intermediate solid tubular members include one or more valve members.

8. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

a zonal isolation assembly comprising:

one or more primary solid tubulars, each primary solid tubular including one or more external seals;

n perforated tubulars coupled to the primary solid tubulars; and

n-1 intermediate solid tubulars coupled to and interleaved among the perforated tubulars, each intermediate solid tubular including one or more external seals; and

a shoe coupled to the zonal isolation assembly;

wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing member coupled to the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein one or more of the external seals comprise a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

11. (Original) A method of isolating a first subterranean zone from a second subterranean zone in a wellbore, comprising:

positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore, the primary solid tubulars traversing the first subterranean zone;

positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the second subterranean zone;  
fluidically coupling the perforated tubulars and the primary solid tubulars;  
preventing the passage of fluids from the first subterranean zone to the second subterranean zone within the wellbore external to the solid and perforated tubulars; and  
covering one or more of the perforations of one or more of the perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

13. (Original) A method of extracting materials from a producing subterranean zone in a wellbore, at least a portion of the wellbore including a casing, comprising:  
positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore;  
fluidically coupling the primary solid tubulars with the casing;  
positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the producing subterranean zone;  
fluidically coupling the perforated tubulars with the primary solid tubulars;  
fluidically isolating the producing subterranean zone from at least one other subterranean zone within the wellbore;  
fluidically coupling at least one of the perforated tubulars with the producing subterranean zone; and  
covering one or more of the perforations of one or more of the perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
controllably fluidically decoupling at least one of the perforated tubulars from at least one other of the perforated tubulars.

16. (Original)           An apparatus, comprising:  
a subterranean formation including a wellbore;  
a zonal isolation assembly at least partially positioned within the wellbore  
comprising:  
one or more solid tubular members, each solid tubular member including  
one or more external seals; and  
one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the solid tubular  
members; and  
a shoe positioned within the wellbore coupled to the zonal isolation assembly;  
wherein at least one of the solid tubular members and the perforated tubular  
members are formed by a radial expansion process performed within the  
wellbore; and  
wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing  
member coupled to the perforated tubular member and covering one or  
more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.
17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises  
a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.
18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein one or more of the external seals  
comprise a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic  
materials.
19. (Original)           The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the zonal isolation assembly  
further comprises:  
one or more intermediate solid tubular members coupled to and interleaved  
among the perforated tubular members, each intermediate solid tubular  
member including one or more external seals;  
wherein at least one of the solid tubular members, the perforated tubular  
members, and the intermediate solid tubular members are formed by a  
radial expansion process performed within the wellbore.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the zonal isolation assembly further comprises one or more valve members for controlling the flow of fluids between the solid tubular members and the perforated tubular members.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein one or more of the intermediate solid tubular members include one or more valve members for controlling the flow of fluids between the solid tubular members and the perforated tubular members.

22. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:  
a subterranean formation including a wellbore;  
a zonal isolation assembly positioned within the wellbore comprising:  
one or more primary solid tubulars, each primary solid tubular including one or more external seals;  
n perforated tubulars positioned coupled to the primary solid tubulars; and  
n-1 intermediate solid tubulars coupled to and interleaved among the perforated tubulars, each intermediate solid tubular including one or more external seals; and  
a shoe coupled to the zonal isolation assembly;  
wherein at least one of the primary solid tubulars, the perforated tubulars, and the intermediate solid tubulars are formed by a radial expansion process performed within the wellbore; and  
wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing member coupled to the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein one or more of the external seals comprise a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

25. (Original) A method of isolating a first subterranean zone from a second subterranean zone in a wellbore, comprising:

positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore, the primary solid tubulars traversing the first subterranean zone;

positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the second subterranean zone;

radially expanding at least one of the primary solid tubulars and perforated tubulars within the wellbore;

fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars and the primary solid tubulars;

preventing the passage of fluids from the first subterranean zone to the second subterranean zone within the wellbore external to the primary solid tubulars and perforated tubulars; and

covering one or more of the perforations of one or more of the perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

27. (Original) A method of extracting materials from a producing subterranean zone in a wellbore, at least a portion of the wellbore including a casing, comprising;

positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore;

positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the producing subterranean zone;

radially expanding at least one of the primary solid tubulars and the perforated tubulars within the wellbore;

fluidicly coupling the primary solid tubulars with the casing;

fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars with the primary solid tubulars;

fluidicly isolating the producing subterranean zone from at least one other subterranean zone within the wellbore;

fluidicly coupling at least one of the perforated tubulars with the producing subterranean zone; and

covering one or more of the perforations of one or more of the perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

29. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising:  
controllably fluidically decoupling at least one of the perforated tubulars from at least one other of the perforated tubulars.

30. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:  
a subterranean formation including a wellbore;  
a zonal isolation assembly positioned within the wellbore comprising:  
n solid tubular members positioned within the wellbore, each solid tubular member including one or more external seals; and  
n-1 perforated tubular members positioned within the wellbore coupled to and interleaved among the solid tubular members; and  
a shoe positioned within the wellbore coupled to the zonal isolation assembly;  
wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include a tubular elastic sealing member coupled to the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the elastic sealing member comprises a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein one or more of the external seals comprise a swellable elastomeric sealing member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the zonal isolation assembly further comprises one or more valve members for controlling the flow of fluids between the solid tubular members and the perforated tubular members.

34. (Original)        The apparatus of claim 30, wherein one or more of the solid tubular members include one or more valve members for controlling the flow of fluids between the solid tubular members and the perforated tubular members.

35. (Original)        A system for isolating a first subterranean zone from a second subterranean zone in a wellbore, comprising:

- means for positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore, the primary solid tubulars traversing the first subterranean zone;
- means for positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the second subterranean zone;
- means for fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars and the primary solid tubulars;
- means for preventing the passage of fluids from the first subterranean zone to the second subterranean zone within the wellbore external to the primary solid tubulars and the perforated tubulars; and
- means for sealing one or more of the perforations of one or more of the perforated tubular members.

36. (Original)        A system for extracting materials from a producing subterranean zone in a wellbore, at least a portion of the wellbore including a casing, comprising;

- means for positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore;
- means for fluidicly coupling the primary solid tubulars with the casing;
- means for positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the perforated tubulars traversing the producing subterranean zone;
- means for fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars with the primary solid tubulars;
- means for fluidicly isolating the producing subterranean zone from at least one other subterranean zone within the wellbore;
- means for fluidicly coupling at least one of the perforated tubulars with the producing subterranean zone; and
- means for sealing one or more of the perforations of one or more of the



perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

37. (Original)        The system of claim 36, further comprising:  
                         means for controllably fluidicly decoupling at least one of the perforated tubulars  
                         from at least one other of the perforated tubulars.

38. (Original)        A system for isolating a first subterranean zone from a second  
subterranean zone in a wellbore, comprising:  
                         means for positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore, the  
                         primary solid tubulars traversing the first subterranean zone;  
                         means for positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the  
                         perforated tubulars traversing the second subterranean zone;  
                         means for radially expanding at least one of the primary solid tubulars and  
                         perforated tubulars within the wellbore;  
                         means for fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars and the primary solid  
                         tubulars;  
                         means for preventing the passage of fluids from the first subterranean zone to  
                         the second subterranean zone within the wellbore external to the primary  
                         solid tubulars and perforated tubulars; and  
                         means for sealing one or more of the perforations of one or more of the  
                         perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

39. (Original)        A system for extracting materials from a producing subterranean  
zone in a wellbore, at least a portion of the wellbore including a casing, comprising;  
                         means for positioning one or more primary solid tubulars within the wellbore;  
                         means for positioning one or more perforated tubulars within the wellbore, the  
                         perforated tubulars traversing the producing subterranean zone;  
                         means for radially expanding at least one of the primary solid tubulars and the  
                         perforated tubulars within the wellbore;  
                         means for fluidicly coupling the primary solid tubulars with the casing;  
                         means for fluidicly coupling the perforated tubulars with the solid tubulars;  
                         means for fluidicly isolating the producing subterranean zone from at least one

other subterranean zone within the wellbore;  
means for fluidically coupling at least one of the perforated tubulars with the  
producing subterranean zone; and  
means for sealing one or more of the perforations of one or more of the  
perforated tubular members using an elastic sealing member.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:  
means for controllably fluidically decoupling at least one of the perforated tubulars  
from at least one other of the perforated tubulars.

41. (Original) A system for isolating subterranean zones traversed by a wellbore,  
comprising:

- a tubular support member defining a first passage;
- a tubular expansion cone defining a second passage fluidically coupled to the first  
passage coupled to an end of the tubular support member and comprising  
a tapered end;
- a tubular liner coupled to and supported by the tapered end of the tubular  
expansion cone; and
- a shoe defining a valveable passage coupled to an end of the tubular liner;

wherein the tubular liner comprises:

- one or more expandable tubular members that each comprise:
  - a tubular body comprising an intermediate portion and first and  
second expanded end portions coupled to opposing ends of  
the intermediate portion; and
  - a sealing member coupled to the exterior surface of the  
intermediate portion; and
- one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the expandable  
tubular members;

wherein the inside diameters of the perforated tubular members are greater than  
or equal to the outside diameter of the tubular expansion cone.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the wall thicknesses of the first and

second expanded end portions are greater than the wall thickness of the intermediate portion.

43. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein each expandable tubular member further comprises:

a first tubular transitional member coupled between the first expanded end portion and the intermediate portion; and

a second tubular transitional member coupled between the second expanded end portion and the intermediate portion;

wherein the angles of inclination of the first and second tubular transitional members relative to the intermediate portion ranges from about 0 to 30 degrees.

44. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the outside diameter of the intermediate portion ranges from about 75 percent to about 98 percent of the outside diameters of the first and second expanded end portions.

45. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the burst strength of the first and second expanded end portions is substantially equal to the burst strength of the intermediate tubular section.

46. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the ratio of the inside diameters of the first and second expanded end portions to the interior diameter of the intermediate portion ranges from about 100 to 120 percent.

47. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the relationship between the wall thicknesses  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , and  $t_{INT}$  of the first expanded end portion, the second expanded end portion, and the intermediate portion, respectively, of the expandable tubular members, the inside diameters  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $D_{INT}$  of the first expanded end portion, the second expanded end portion, and the intermediate portion, respectively, of the expandable tubular members, and the inside diameter  $D_{wellbore}$  of the wellbore casing that the expandable tubular member will be inserted into, and the outside diameter  $D_{cone}$  of the

expansion cone that will be used to radially expand the expandable tubular member within the wellbore is given by the following expression:

$$D_{wellbore} - 2 * t_1 \geq D_1 \geq \frac{1}{t_1} [(t_1 - t_{INT}) * D_{cone} + t_{INT} * D_{INT}];$$

wherein  $t_1 = t_2$ ; and wherein  $D_1 = D_2$ .

48. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the tapered end of the tubular expansion cone comprises:

a plurality of adjacent discrete tapered sections.

49. (Original) The system of claim 48, wherein the angle of attack of the adjacent discrete tapered sections increases in a continuous manner from one end of the tubular expansion cone to the opposite end of the tubular expansion cone.

50. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the tapered end of the tubular expansion cone comprises:

an paraboloid body.

51. (Original) The system of claim 50, wherein the angle of attack of the outer surface of the paraboloid body increases in a continuous manner from one end of the paraboloid body to the opposite end of the paraboloid body.

52. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the tubular liner comprises a plurality of expandable tubular members; and wherein the other tubular members are interleaved among the expandable tubular members.

53. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing member coupled to an exterior surface of the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the

perforated tubular member.

54. (Original) A method of isolating subterranean zones traversed by a wellbore, comprising:

positioning a tubular liner within the wellbore; and

radially expanding one or more discrete portions of the tubular liner into engagement with the wellbore;

wherein the tubular liner comprises a plurality of tubular members; and wherein one or more of the tubular members are radially expanded into engagement with the wellbore and one or more of the tubular members are not radially expanded into engagement with the wellbore; and

wherein the tubular liner comprises:

one or more expandable tubular members that each comprise:

a tubular body comprising an intermediate portion and first and second expanded end portions coupled to opposing ends of the intermediate portion; and

a sealing member coupled to the exterior surface of the intermediate portion; and

one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the expandable tubular members;

wherein the inside diameters of the perforated tubular members are greater than or equal to the maximum inside diameters of the expandable tubular members.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein the tubular liner comprises a plurality of expandable tubular members; and wherein the perforated tubular members are interleaved among the expandable tubular members.

56. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include an elastic sealing member coupled to an exterior surface of the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.

57. (Original) An apparatus for isolating subterranean zones, comprising:  
a subterranean formation defining a borehole; and  
a tubular liner positioned in and coupled to the borehole at one or more discrete locations;  
wherein the tubular liner comprises a plurality of tubular members; and wherein one or more of the tubular members are radially expanded into engagement with the borehole and one or more of the tubular members are not radially expanded into engagement with the borehole; and  
wherein the tubular liner is coupled to the borehole by a process that comprises: positioning the tubular liner within the borehole; and  
radially expanding one or more discrete portions of the tubular liner into engagement with the borehole.

58. (Original) The system of claim 57, wherein prior to the radial expansion the tubular liner comprises:  
one or more expandable tubular members that each comprise:  
a tubular body comprising an intermediate portion and first and second expanded end portions coupled to opposing ends of the intermediate portion; and  
a sealing member coupled to the exterior surface of the intermediate portion; and  
one or more perforated tubular members coupled to the expandable tubular members;  
wherein the inside diameters of the perforated tubular members are greater than or equal to the maximum inside diameters of the expandable tubular members.

59. (Original) The system of claim 58, wherein the tubular liner comprises a plurality of expandable tubular members; and wherein the perforated tubular members are interleaved among the expandable tubular members.

60. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein one or more of the perforated tubular members include a tubular elastic sealing member coupled to an exterior surface of the perforated tubular member and covering one or more of the perforations of the perforated tubular member.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 61, further comprising:] A method of sealing an annulus between a wellbore and a tubular member positioned within the wellbore, comprising:

coupling a swellable elastomeric material to the exterior of the tubular member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials to sealingly engage the wellbore; and  
radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member within the wellbore.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [61] 62, wherein the tubular member defines one or more radial passages.

64. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 63,] A method of sealing an annulus between a wellbore and a tubular member positioned within the wellbore, comprising:

coupling a swellable elastomeric material to the exterior of the tubular member that swells in the presence of fluidic materials to sealingly engage the wellbore;  
wherein the tubular member defines one or more radial passages; and  
wherein the swellable elastomeric materials covers and seals one or more of the radial passages of the tubular member.

65. (New) A method of extracting materials from a subterranean zone traversed by a wellbore, comprising:

coupling a swellable elastomeric material to the exterior of a tubular member that

swells in the presence of fluidic materials to sealingly engage the wellbore;  
radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member within the  
wellbore; and  
extracting the materials from the subterranean zone using the tubular member.

66. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein the tubular member defines one or more  
radial passages.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the swellable elastomeric materials covers  
and seals one or more of the radial passages of the tubular member.

68. (New) A method of transmitting materials through a tubular member positioned  
within a borehole, comprising:

coupling a swellable elastomeric material to the exterior of the tubular member  
that swells in the presence of fluidic materials to sealingly engage the  
borehole;  
radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member within the  
borehole; and  
transmitting the materials using the tubular member.

69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein the tubular member defines one or more  
radial passages.

70. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the swellable elastomeric materials covers  
and seals one or more of the radial passages of the tubular member.